

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (Previously amended). A cannula assembly for circulating blood in a heart comprising:
an outer cannula including a curved portion and adapted for insertion through an incision
into a heart chamber,

an inner cannula slidable within the outer cannula, the curved portion of the outer cannula
directing passage of the inner cannula beyond the distal end of the outer cannula, the inner cannula
having an interior lumen defining a first interior flow path to circulate blood,

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the inner and outer cannulas defining between them a second interior flow path to circulate
blood, and

a port communicating with the second interior flow path.

2-5 (Canceled).

6 (Previously amended). An assembly according to claim 1,
wherein the outer cannula has a first proximal end extending outside of the incision,
wherein the inner cannula has a second proximal end extending outside of the incision, and
wherein the first and second proximal ends are adapted and configured for coupling to a
pump.

7 (Canceled).

8 (Previously amended). An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the curved portion of
the outer cannula is adjacent the distal end of the outer cannula.

9 (Previously amended). An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the outer cannula
includes a main axis, and wherein the curved portion of the outer cannula is bent at an angle
between 0 and 360 degrees relative to the main axis.

10 (Previously amended). An assembly according to claim 9, wherein the angle is between 0
and 270 degrees.

11 (Previously amended). An assembly according to claim 9, wherein the angle is between 0
and 180 degrees.

12-16 (Canceled).

17 (New). An assembly according to claim 1

wherein the curved portion of the outer cannula is preformed.